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Appl. No.	: 09/652,993	Confirmation No.	: 4012
Applicant	: Vishnu K. Agarwal	Attorney Docket No.:	: 501082.04 (98-0676.03)
Filed	: August 31, 2000	Customer No.	: 27, 076
Art Unit	: 2815		
Examiner	: Jose R. Diaz		
Title	: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE		

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated April 23, 2003, and herewith petitions the Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) for a one-month extension of time for filing this response from July 23, 2003, to August 23, 2003. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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